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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: APPROACH IN MOSCOW

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1. WORKING LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF CONTACT GROUP

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EMBASSIES IN MOSCOW MET IN EMBASSY LATE AFTERNOON OF
APRIL 7 (DESPITE LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANADIANS AND
SLIGHTLY AMBIGUOUS IF NOT CONTRADICTORY INSTRUCTIONS
ON PART OF OTHERS) AND AGREED ON FOLLOWING BASIC POINTS:
--AN APPROACH IN MOSCOW WOULD BE USEFUL TO EMPHASIZE
IMPORTANCE OF CONTACT GROUP INITIATIVE, BUT ADMITTEDLY
CHANCES OF A POSITIVE SOVIET REACTION ARE CONSIDERED SLIM.

--THE APPROACH COULD BE MADE AT THE HIGHEST PRACTICAL LEVEL IN THE MFA ON APRIL 10 BY THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR (AS SENIOR OF THE FIVE) WHO WOULD SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE AND WOULD DELIVER AN AIDE MEMOIRE SUPPORTING THE ACCOMPANYING PROPOSALS.

2. WHILE IT IS DIFFICULT TO COMMENT ON SPECIFIC POINTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE IN THE ABSENCE OF BOTH THE PROPOSALS AND THE DRAFT MESSAGE TO OTHER SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, THERE WAS GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT THE FOLLOWING BASIC POINTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED:

--THE FIVE HAVE MADE STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE PEACEFUL INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA AND HAVE NOW REACHED THE POINT OF TRANSMITTING FORMAL PROPOSALS,

--THE FIVE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THESE PROPOSALS NOT ONLY FOR THE SAKE OF NAMIBIA AND ITS PEOPLE BUT FOR ALL OF AFRICA. THE SUCCESS OF THESE PROPOSALS WOULD HAVE FAVORABLE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE PROCESS OF DETENTE AS A WHOLE,

--THE FIVE HOPE THAT THE SOVIET UNION AS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITH GREAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE. TOON

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